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VIA ECF

The Honorable Brian M. Cogan
United States District Court
Eastern District of New York
225 Cadman Plaza East
Brooklyn, NY 11201

RE: United States v. Mitchell et al.
Criminal Docket No. 16-234 (BMC)

Dear Judge Cogan:

I represent the defendant Herschel Knippa in the above referenced case. Mr. Knippa's sentencing is currently scheduled before this Court on May 31, 2017 at 10:00 am. However, I am currently on trial for *U.S.A. v. Shapiro* before Judge Chatigny in the District of Connecticut, and the trial is expected to last several more weeks. Additionally, we just received the first draft of Mr. Knippa's Presentence Report on May 16, 2017. We respectfully request an adjournment for the week of August 7, 2017. I have spoken to Assistant United States Attorney Mark Bini, who consents to this request.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

/s/
Alex Spiro

cc: AUSA Mark Bini (via ECF)